

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter. Claims 1-13 are pending.

Claims 6-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention was allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant submits that the reference to claims 6 and 7 is a typographical error. Rather, the rejection can only be reasonably understood to be of claims 8-12. Further, Applicant submits that amended claims 8-12 fully conform with the requirements of section 101.

Claims 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Amin et al. (U.S. 6,560,455; hereafter “Amin”) Claims 1-7, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from Josse et al. (U.S. 6,104,929; hereafter “Josse”) and Amin. Applicant traverses the rejections because the cited prior art references, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed subject matter. For example, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method of registration in a telecommunications system by a mobile station, the method wherein the home location register a subscriber-specific access parameter/data which indicates, independently of the address information, whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks and “wherein the first network and second network are provided by a common operator,” as recited in independent claims 1 and 2. Similarly, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed data structure embodied in a tangible medium, comprising “a subscriber-specific access parameter which indicates , independently of the address information, whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks, “wherein the first network and second network are provided by a common operator,” as recited in independent claim 8 and its dependent claims.

Josse merely discloses a mobile station which may attach to a circuit-switched network and a packet-switched network (col. 6 lines 50-65; col. 11 lines 11-35).

The Office Action alleged that Amin discloses a subscriber-specific access parameter which indicates, independently of the address information, whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks (col. 6 line 33 - col. 7 line 17). However, in actuality, Amin’s merely discloses a subscriber’s profile, which indicates whether roaming privileges are restricted for the MIN/ESN pair.

Thus, the combined teachings of Josse and Amin would merely provide a hypothetical combination wherein any subscriber profile (which allegedly corresponds to the Applicant's subscriber-specific access parameter) indicates whether the subscriber's roaming privileges are restricted. However, it is well known to those skilled in the art that the term "roaming" refers to the attachment to a network provided by an operator which is not the subscriber's home network operator.

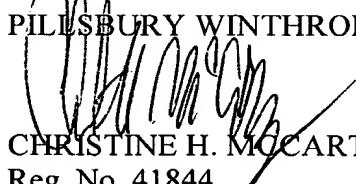
Therefore, the hypothetical combination of Josse and Amin fails to disclose, teach or suggest claimed inventive concept practiced in the expressly limited context, wherein the first network and second network are provided by a common operator, or any motivation for implementing such a configuration.

All issues having been addressed, Applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the examiner telephone the undersigned representative.

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